

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-14, adds new claims 15-28, amends the specification and presents a new Abstract. The amendment to the specification inserts a reference to parent application PCT/FR01/02011 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. New claims 15-28 correspond to original claims 1-14, and have been written to avoid multiple dependencies and by otherwise conforming the claims to U.S. practice. The Substitute Abstract is based on the PCT Abstract. A version with markings to show changes made is attached as an Appendix. Claims 15-28 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

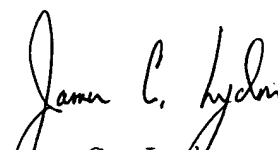
It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

New National Stage Application
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prompt and favorable examination of the application are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Appendix
Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure
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APPENDIX

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph inserted between the title and the first heading on page 1 is new.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14 have been canceled.

Claims 15-28 are new.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Substitute Abstract is new.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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P A portable contactless object (10) featuring a main chip (12) and a main antenna (14) enabling communication between the chip and the reader associated with the portable contactless object. This portable contactless object also features at least one contactless peripheral device (16), having a function different than that of the main chip not connected by ohmic contact to the latter and requiring only a small amount of energy to operate.

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